

ABSTRACTMachine and ribbon spool for thermal transfer printing

The machine (M) comprises at least one rotating spindle (1, 2; 1', 2'), and at least one ribbon spool (30) mounted on the said spindle (1, 2; 1', 2') and having an axial passage (31) in which a transversely projecting locating formation (33a) is defined, and at least one transversely re-entrant connecting formation (35, 36). The or each spindle (1, 2; 1', 2') comprises an axial portion (15) on which a ribbon spool (30) is designed to be mounted, and which has a stop shoulder (25) against which the locating formation (33a) of the ribbon spool (30), and at least one transversely projecting element (18a, 19a) able to engage in the connecting formation (35, 36) of the ribbon spool (30), are designed to abut in such a way that the spindle and the spool (30) rotate together.

(Figure 2)